

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 24 remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Interpretation of the Term “Space”

The term space in claim 1 and 14 can be interpreted as physical space (e.g., in a building), logical space (e.g., in a server) or virtual space (e.g., a business address in a physical location without an actual physical presence – see paragraph 29 of the specification). However, claim 13 specifies that the space includes physical space in a property. Claim 8 includes both physical space and virtual space. Claim 20 refers to logical space (i.e., intranet portal), such as on a web server.

Introduction of Tenants to Each Other

Tenants can be introduced to each other via schedules parties and during exercise at a club house (among other methods). See paragraph 34 of the specification. Introductions can also be done via any of the services mentioned in the first wave 310 – third wave 330. See paragraph 49 and paragraphs 27 – 43.

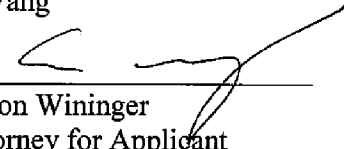
Gathering of Information

Information on tenants can be gathered physically, e.g., questionnaires, surveys, in-person meetings, or electronically, e.g., online forms, etc. Gathered information can be stored physically on paper and/or electronically. See paragraph 46 of the specification.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that all claims are patentable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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